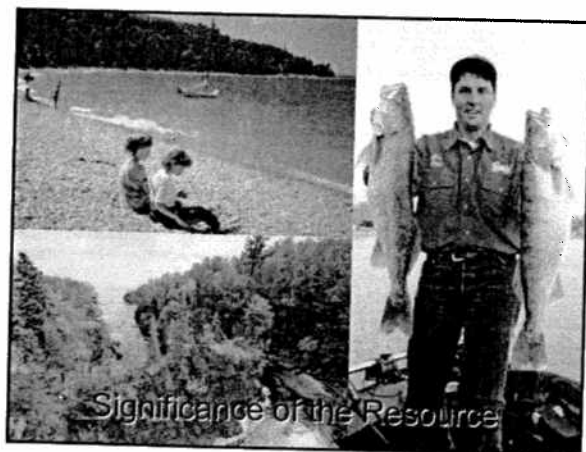



Presentation Overview

Today's Topics

- Significance of the Resource
- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- FY 2010 Funding & RFP
- Action Plan
- Online Resources






Significance of the Resource

Natural Features

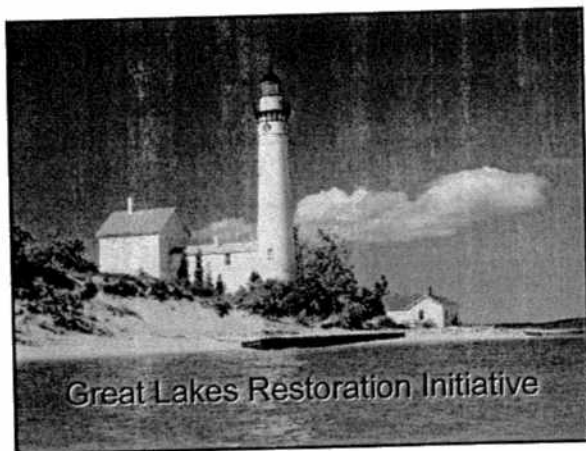
- Contain 20 percent of world's fresh surface water
- Span more than 750 miles west to east, 10,000 mile coastline
- Unique natural resources: sand dunes, coastal wetlands, 35,000 islands, rocky shorelines, prairies, savannas, alvars, and forests containing remarkable plant and animal communities.



Significance of the Resource

Economic Importance

- In the Great Lakes Basin:
 - 20% of all U.S. timberland
 - 20% of all U.S. manufacturing
 - \$4.5 billion commercial/recreational fishing industry
 - Recreational boating: \$9.4 billion & 60,000 jobs
- In the eight Great Lakes States:
 - One-third of all U.S. registered recreational boats
 - Generate \$18 billion/year in revenue from hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching
- The Great Lakes States:
 - Make up the world's third largest economy (after the U.S. and Japan)
 - Would be the eleventh largest country in the world





Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

President's FY2010 Budget Announcement

February 26, 2009

"The 2010 Budget includes a new \$475 million inter-agency initiative to address regional issues that affect the Great Lakes, such as invasive species, non-point source pollution, and contaminated sediment. This initiative will use outcome-oriented performance goals and measures to target the most significant problems and track progress in addressing them. EPA and its Federal partners will coordinate State, tribal, local, and industry actions to protect, maintain, and restore the chemical, biological, and physical integrity of the Great Lakes."



Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Major Themes

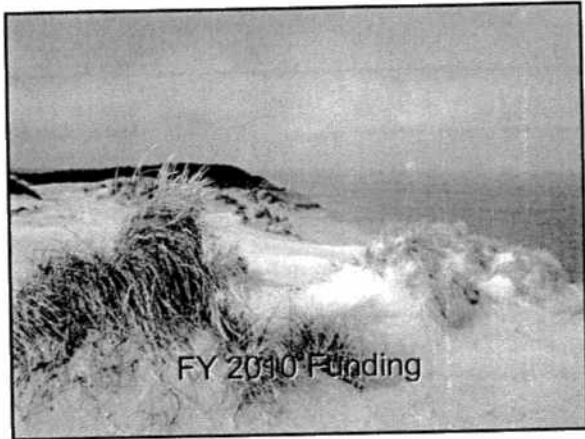
- Administrator Lisa Jackson: Transparency, Partnerships, Accountability, Target most significant Great Lakes threats
- Principles:
 - Urgency
 - Action
- Great Lakes Inter-Agency Task Force





Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Qualifiers

- Represents new resources for Great Lakes restoration — should not supplant existing resources
- Funding not to be used for traditional water infrastructure projects otherwise covered by State Revolving Funds



	<i>FY 2010 Funding</i>
Coordinated Funding to Achieve Goals and Objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs and actions identified for 16 federal agencies• Objectives and the Plan are based on the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy	

	<i>FY 2010 Funding</i>
Five Focus Areas	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern• Invasive Species• Nearshore Health and Nonpoint Source Pollution• Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration• Accountability, Education, Monitoring, Evaluation, Communication, and Partnerships	



Where Does the Money Go?

- Over \$250M for grants, cooperative agreements, or project agreements that will be awarded by EPA or other Federal agencies to non-Federal partners
- Over 40% just for grants and cooperative agreements




How Do Funds Get to Projects?

- Interagency Agreements establish terms and transfer funds
- Grants through RFP
- Utilization of existing funding mechanisms
- Intended Result: On-the-ground projects in FY2010




- Announced November 23, 2009
- Competitive funding to address the most significant Great Lakes ecosystem problems and efforts in same five focus areas as FY10 and Action Plan
- **Due Date for Submissions:** Noon CST on January 29, 2010.
- Proposals submitted Online.
- Listserv for interested parties to keep informed on GLRI and funding opportunities. Register at <http://www.epa.gov/gtrlakes/maillist/index.html>
- Public webinars to answer questions: December 9th and 16th, 2009 from 10 am to noon CST.





Action Plan

- Will guide funding decisions for 5 years, not just FY10
- Recognizes planning for FY10 had to move quickly, but that longer-term funding framework needed
- Builds from GLRC Strategy
- Same 5 focus areas as FY10
- Stakeholder input through July / August Public Meetings in each Great Lakes state and via the Internet
- GLRI Goals, Objectives, and Targets intended to align with those of Great Lakes State, Tribal, and local governments



Action Plan

Funding and Grants Cycle

- Most EPA grants to be issued competitively
- Minimizing Match Requirements
- Other agencies will use their existing cooperation and grant programs



Action Plan

Accountability

- Tracking Progress
 - Targets and Measures toward Restoration and Protection Goals and Objectives
 - Accountability System to allow systematic reporting and public access to expenditures and progress
- Annual Reports starting in 2011
- Adaptable based on independent scientific review



Action Plan

Focus Areas Outline

- Problem Statement
- Proposed Long Term Goals
- Interim Objectives
- Measures of Progress
- Principal Actions to Achieve Progress



The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Resources Available on the Web www.greatlakesrestoration.us

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Proposed 2010 Funding Plan
- 2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Summary of Proposed Programs and Projects
- Great Lakes Multi-Year Restoration Action Plan Outline
- Interagency Funding Guide
- Form for Providing Comments and Feedback
- EPA Request for Proposals



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